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for Enhancement of Stratum Corneum Function

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The references are:

1. Bouwstra, J. A., et al., "Cholesterol sulfate and calcium affect stratum corneum lipid organization over a wide temperature range" Journal of Lipid Research, vol. 40, 2303-12, (Dec. 1999).

2. Abraham, W., et al., "Interaction between corneocytes and stratum corneum lipid liposomes in vitro" *Biochimica et Biophysica Acta*, 1021, pp. 119-25 (1990).

It is respectfully requested that this reference be considered by the Patent and Trademark Office in its examination of the above-identified application and be made of record therein. The Examiner is also invited to contact the Undersigned if there are any questions concerning this paper or the attached reference.

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